

**Minutes District Parents Advisory Council
Tuesday, January 16, 2007
Henry Grube Centre (1B)**

Attendees:

Gwen Leahy	Dufferin Elementary
Wendy Matheson	David Thompson
Sharlene McIlwain	Marion Schilling
Lynne Monteith	McGowan Elementary
Gisela Ruckert	Beattie Elem.
Paula Schmidt	Sahali Secondary
Dean Watts	South Sahali Elem.

Meghan Wade	Trustee
Rob Schoen	School District Liaison
Karl DeBruijn	Assistant Superintendent - Elementary
Mark McVittie	KTTA
Lesley Davidson	Valleyview Sec. 374-8225 l2e2d2@yahoo.com

Convened at 7:05 p.m.

Delegations:

Karl DeBruijn presented a very informative outline of the B.C. Ministry of Education's "New format for Elementary Report Cards". We reviewed the Policy, Formal Reports, Informal Reports, Reporting Guidelines (inclusive of specific details for Grades K to 12, and special needs, and "Relevant Orders"). Further information is referenced at www.ministryeducation.bc.ca. The final draft of "Reporting Student Progress" is expected soon.

Introductions: Around the room. Chris Rose will be joining Meghan Wade in fulfilling our Trustee representative role at DPAC and sends his regrets tonight.

Adoption of Agenda:

Motion: Adoption of tonight's Agenda with changes Lynne/Sharlene Passed.

Adoption of Minutes: Minutes reviewed.

Motion: Acceptance of Minutes Gisela/Dean Passed.

Financial Report: No Financial Report available tonight. Paula requested any interested individual parent, who might wish to fulfill our Treasurer role, to assist us. We must have an individual willing to keep account of our few financial transactions before we seek any additional funds. **DPAC desperately needs a "Treasurer"**.

Correspondence:

- Dry Grad Meeting – January 24th (4:00-6:00 Phoenix Centre)
- Student Assessment Guide in BC's Public Schools – K to 12 (Contact Paula if you'd like a copy)

Old Business:

1. Treasurer and Executive Members - (Treasurer as above)

Motion: Gisela Ruckert appointed "Member at Large" Lynne/Wendy Carried

DPAC remains interested in filling our "Treasurer" role, additional "Members at Large" and interested parent participation.

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2.School Fees –

- **Survey-** survey on line to share individual parent response to the “School Fees” issue.

- 17 DPACS are responding. 280,000 students represented provincially.
- 250 local responses. 300 would be 2% of our parents.

- We need the local voice. Survey extended to JANUARY 31/07.
- **SD 73 DPAC survey at: www.sd73.bc.ca web page.**
- Emails are out to all schools
- Hard copies are available at schools and one special parent is entering our individual hard copies.
- The sooner the better.

- **Consultation Update-**

- Wednesday, January 17, 2007 at the Grube Education Centre (Room 1).
- Resource information on:
 - The Ruling
 - The Interpretation
 - Giving feedback, questions, ideas to the School Board.

- **Each school is required to have a school based interview with Principal and parents. The Principals of each school are receiving a Power Point presentation Wednesday, January 17, 2007, to share with all parents. Please make sure you and your fellow parents and students have a voice/choice/say in upcoming changes.**

3.Parent Education Day – Wendy and Heather’s Report

Saturday, February 17, 2007

9:30 – 3:00 p.m.

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Preregistration required for lunch coverage

5 Presenters for:

Building a Foundation for your Child’s Participation

(Positive Communications in a “Do It Different” theme.)

- 1. Nutrition**
- 2. “Action Schools” - Physical Education**
- 3. “Smoke Free” – Tyler**
- 4. “Virtual Schools” – Paula Porter (ELearning/Tutoring component)**
- 5. PAC money making angles – Sarah Cummings (Special Projects Coordinator with SD #73 (Contact 374-06790)**

Motion: That there not be a fee for the Parent Education Day. Wendy/Dean Carried.

Motion: That the Feb.17/07 “Parent Education Day” and all other details will be organized by the Parent Education Committee (Wendy and Heather). Paula/Dean

Amended motion: “including the \$600.00 fund for this event” Paula/Dean Carried. Carried initial motion. Report and receipts will be submitted by the Committee.

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4.School Board Meeting Attendance:

Agenda and Minutes available Thursday on Website
 Background information available from Paula on Fridays
 Up to date Agenda at door Monday night

Each of us is encouraged to participate for our knowledge, representation and sharing.
 Our learning and reporting back to DPAC is encouraged.

January 22, 2007	Dean will confirm his availability
February 5, 2007	
February 19, 2007	
March 5, 2007	
March 19, 2007	
April 2, 2007	
April 16, 2007	
April 30, 2007	
May 14, 2007	
May 28, 2007	
June 11, 2007	
June 25, 2007	

Paula requests that she be contacted if you have not been contacted. Please inform Paula or Lesley if you are interested in a role. In addition, our learning and reporting back to DPAC is encouraged.

Board Committees.

Education	Lesley Davidson /
First Nations	Dean Watts /
Finance and Planning	
Human Resources	Wendy Matheson/
Policy	Gisela Ruckert /

New Business:

1. Kamloops Vision Article – (see attached) No volunteers stepped forward at table – perhaps Nelson Grant (school fees subcommittee) might be interested.

Action: *Nelson will be approached by Paula regarding article (February 12, 2007 deadline)*

2. Medic Alert Program – (see attached) “No Child Without”.

Motion: *That we strike a subcommittee of parents supporting the “No Child Without” Medicalert Program. Gisela/Sharlene Carried (Report back encouraged)*

3. Attendance/Delegation Policy Development – SD 73 needs a delegation policy (and others). However, there is conversation at the

4. School Planning Council Web cast –

Wednesday, January 31, 2007

5:30 p.m. (refreshments)

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- More of an approach for intermediately experienced SPC participants with new parent more than welcome
- Bring you whole School Planning Council with you please

5. Insurance requirements for parent drivers – (added by Gisela) Discussion re \$2,000,000 required coverage, and BC School Sports previous statement re School Board insurance coverage. Concern that less parents are available to drive because of requirements.

Action: Gisela will Email BC School Sports for clarification and Meghan to encourage an answer to the question do we need the 2,000,000 coverage.

Superintendent Remarks: Rob provided us a Human Resources update. The Board is working on recruitment strategies. There are 800 FTE contracts. 240 will be 55+ in June/07. 60 more will be 55+ in June/08. Many subject areas more challenging than others. The whole country and world is looking for teachers. Attention to retention occurring too.

Trustee Remarks:

Meghan Wade informed us:

- December was the inaugural appointment to committees on the part of the School Board. Meghan informed us of Chris Rose's DPAC representation with her at DPAC table.
- Meghan encouraged each of our knowledge through the www.sd73.bc.ca site with it's;
 - Up to date calendar availability
 - School Board Planning Councils posters for education
 - January 17, 2007 Public Forum information
 - School based, parent forum re "school fees" feedback/ideas

KTTA Representation:

Mark McVittie informed us:

- February 16, 2007 Professional Development Day invitation to;
 - Lezra Martin's presentation at SKSS
 - Parents are invited to participate based on availability
 - Please check the KTTA.web site <http://www.ktta.ca/>
- May 26 or 27 there will be a "Special Needs and Adaptations in the Classroom" presentation.
- The teachers will be evaluating the SPC approach this Spring Break. 8 schools in our district do not have teacher participation in their School Planning Councils.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Next Meeting: TUESDAY, February 20, 2007 7:00 p.m. Grube Centre Room 1B